

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (New) An elevator car having a car door movable for opening and closing an opening in a wall of the elevator car and a device for sealing a gap between the car door and the car wall comprising:

a groove formed in a surface of one of the elevator car door and the elevator car wall;
a sealing strip mounted in said groove and having a movable wall portion for sealing the gap; and
actuator means for selectively moving said wall portion across the gap and into contact with another one of the car door and the car wall whereby the gap is sealed.

22. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall portion.

23. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 22 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall portion.

24. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

25. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said wall portion does not extend out of said groove when said sealing strip is in a relieved state.

26. (New) An elevator car comprising:

a car wall having a door opening formed therein;

a car door spaced from said car wall by a gap and being movably attached to the car for opening and closing said door opening;

a sealing strip mounted in a groove formed in a surface of said car wall, said sealing strip having a movable wall portion facing said gap; and

actuator means for selectively moving said wall portion across said gap to seal said gap.

27. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall portion.

28. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 27 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall portion.

29. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 27 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

30. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of said car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of said car door and a threshold of the elevator car.

31. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said wall portion does not extend out of said groove when said sealing strip is in a relieved state.

32. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 26 wherein said groove has a generally square profile with opposed side walls and a bottom wall and said sealing strip contacts said side walls and said bottom wall when said wall portion seals said gap.

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33. (New) An elevator car having a car door movable for opening and closing an opening in a wall of the elevator car and a device for sealing a gap between the car door and the car wall comprising:

a groove formed in a surface of one of the car door and the car wall;
a sealing strip mounted in said groove and having a movable wall portion for sealing the gap, said movable wall portion being positioned in said groove; and
actuator means for selectively moving said wall portion out of said groove, across the gap and into contact with another one of the car door and the car wall whereby the gap is sealed.

34. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall portion.

35. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall portion.

36. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

37. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said groove has a generally square profile with opposed side walls and a bottom wall and said sealing strip contacts said side walls and said bottom wall when said wall portion seals the gap.

38. (New) The elevator car according to Claim 33 wherein said groove is formed in the surface of the car wall, said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of the car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of the car door and a threshold of the elevator car.